1: Raswan T-3 (1913-35) 1947 MD4 Rwala
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As we neared the large tent, the merry "ringing" of the coffee mortar bade us welcome. Malla Sulumeh, scribe to Sheykh Tai', conducted us within.

A considerable number of tribesmen were gathered in the roomy tent. As usual, the favourite falcon of the *sheykh* stood perched on a camel-saddle.

A slave removed the bird and placed cushions on the saddle for us. The coffee-cook poked apart the pieces of glowing desert roots on the hearth and poured between them dried camel dung from a fold of his cloak. He blew energetically on the hard nuggets, the size of walnuts, until small bright flames commenced to dance all over them. Then a large, beaked can was placed on the glow and it was not long before the coffee-water boiled and bubbled over. "Revive thy spirit!" said the ever-ready cup-bearer as he offered me the aromatic cup.

Previously he had, in accordance with Bedouin practice, conscientiously wiped out every cup with the sleeve of his old shirt. Adroitly he held in his other hand four small china cups without handles, like so many eggs in a nest, and jingled them lightly one against the other.

The coffee made the round. The favoured guests, whom the Negro served first (unhappily I belonged to them) were the victims of especial politeness; before pouring the coffee, he spat first into the cup and wiped it dry with his shirt sleeve. Three times had I to endure this rite at the hands of the punctilious coffee-priest, who waited on us with the utmost solemnity on each occasion. Only then might I waggle the cup between my finger-tips in token of thanks and satisfaction and hand it back to him.

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(r) *'Asa*—camel stick (made of cane).
(s) *Bakira*—camel stick (cane).
(t) *Miqida*—the small bag made of wool or leather for carrying money, *hail* or small quantities of dates when a man is travelling alone.
(u) *Risn*—camel's halter.

FALCON'S GEAR

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(See Chapter XXVIII on Hawking)

(v) *Burqa*—hawk's hood.
(w) *Wa'ar al tair*—hawk's stand.
(x) *Dasna al tair*—falconer's glove.

Note.—Other articles of furniture connected with a *well-to-do* person's tent are the— 352
Mantah (plural: *manatah*)—mattress for guests to sit on.
Mafrush—carpets to spread on floor.
We have also the various forms of firewood found in every tent, rich and poor alike. These are known under the general terms of— 372
Jalla—camel dung.
Hamdh—a pungent-smelling bush giving a fine white ash.
'Arfaj—a well-known bush found all over North-Eastern Arabia.

MEN'S CLOTHING

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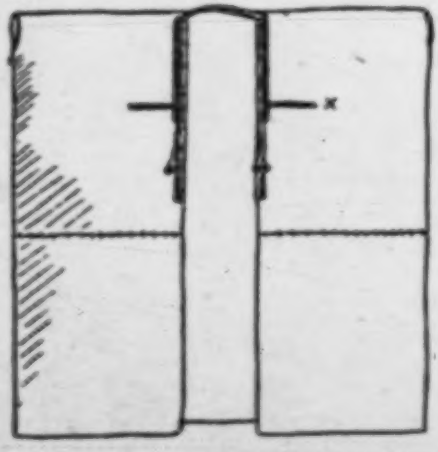

'ABBAH

'Abbah e Bisht—made of finely woven sheeps' or camels' wool in two pieces. Texture can be superfine, thin, coarse or thick according to means of weaver. Round neck and down both fronts (shaded portion) is fine gold embroidery ending in a couple of tassels on both sides. The horizontal gold braid (x) indicates that the *'Abbah* is of type worn by shaikhs of Kuwait. Colour—all shades of brown verging on to black.